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Dear Dr. Weaver:

I have been giving considerable thought to the various possibilities with regard to the future of Dr. Tatum, a problem that we discussed briefly during your visit to Stanford last winter. As you know, this is now Tatum's third year with us. Since there appears to be no possibility of a permanent future for him here, it is my feeling that from the standpoint of his own interests it would be good if he could find a position that would give him more independence and better promise of advancement.

As you know, we have been especially well satisfied with Tatum. He is cooperative, capable and industrious, and has made good progress with his work. In regard to the last point, it appears now that he has isolated and crystallized one of the eye color hormones of *Drosophila*. If this find holds up,--and I see no reason to doubt that it will-- I consider it an advance of great significance in our program. In spite of our satisfaction with Tatum and his work, and regardless of our feeling that from the standpoint of our work we should like to have him stay with us, the fact is that we are paying him the maximum that our budget will stand (\$2300). I feel strongly that he is worthy of more than we can hope to give him.

I shall be very glad and grateful if you will keep Tatum in mind in connection with any available position you may hear of for which he would be qualified.

Our work on developmental aspects of genetics is progressing satisfactorily, thanks to the generous support of the Rockefeller Foundation. Our hope is that we can do our part to justify the confidence the Foundation has shown in the biological work at Stanford.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Beadle

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